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a position of having commitments made for us of which we're not a participant. We should participate in any acquisition or consent to any acquisition of property prior to it occurring. We have the same obligation there as the executive branch, I would think. The amendment shouldn't be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I too would speak against the amendment. Sometimes gifts of over \$10,000 can be very expensive. I think that it's the prerogative of the legislative branch also to look since they're going to have to budget the money to take care of these things. I think that we ought to leave ... if we're going to leave one in leave both. I feel that it's a good amendment. If it's in the right place on the laws or not would be another question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I think ... off hand, I oppose the Goodrich amendment. Let me explain to you why. First of all I agree with what I think Senator Cavanaugh said and that is that this legislature has to ... if we have to appropriate and the appropriation is tied to the acquisition of some gift we ought to have something to say about the gift. Otherwise we're boxed in and somebody else accepts the gift and then we're stuck with the appropriation. I not only don't think it's fair, I don't think it's good business. I think that's what Senator Cavanaugh was attempting to do. The second question perhaps is ... we're now talking about page 18 of LB 603, Section 17 having to do with gifts or bequests. If there is a question as to whether we can change the law in an appropriations bill than that's another matter. Maybe there are two matters. I think the Legislature, some place along the line, has not only a right but also an obligation to pass on the acquisition property. Let's take Fort Omaha as an example. If Fort Omaha and all the buildings are accepted, as near as I can figure out, we're talking about a million two hundred thousand dollars in renovation. Before we accept that we ought to have something to say about it. If it's accepted without our approval next time you're going to be asked to put up well over a million dollars for renovation. We have already put in the budget \$383,000, as I recall the figure, for operation of Fort Omaha in case it is accepted. There's much more than that as far as this is concerned. I oppose the amendment. I think somebody, including Senator Goodrich, ought to look into this whole matter and find out for sure what the Attorney General has to say about it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich, are you ready to close debate?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes. First of all this is the wrong place to be putting anything like this type of an amendment. Budget bills expire June 30th of every year. Con-